Likely Charles Wallace Vail Jr., c 1908 Oakland Oregon
Real Photo Postcard, AZO (divided back)

Reflections

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This portrait postcard likely is of Charles Wallace Vail Jr., born January 13, 1901, in Oakland, Oregon, and later a resident in Camas, Clark County, Washington. The AZO stamp box with four upward triangles dates the card stock to circa 1904–1918, and the boy in the image appears to be about seven or eight years old, which would place the photograph around 1908—a strong match for Charles Jr.'s age. The reverse side bears the penciled names *Mary* and *Wallace*, possibly in the hand of Blanche Dear, further supporting the identification.

The setting—an interior with patterned wallpaper, a ruffled cushion, and several decorative pillows—may be a parlor or likely bedroom of the Baker–Vail–Dear House at 657 North Old Town Road in Oakland, Oregon. However, more analysis is needed before the location can be confidently confirmed.

This image sits at the intersection of multiple family threads: Vail, Dear, Baker, and Young. Final identification is pending, but all clues point toward a portrait of Charles Wallace Vail Jr., c.1908, likely taken in Oakland, Oregon

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